Preliminary Amendment

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: James R. PARKS et al.

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For: DUST COLLECTION ARRANGEMENT FOR A MITER SAW

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, as

follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.